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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Information Handling Committee Plan for a Community

Information Retrieval System (CIRS)

1. On 28 December, I had the pleasure of being briefed on the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) project plan by

of the Intelligence Community Staff. The briefing was well presented and informative, and I concur with your appraisal that CIRS is a worthwhile project for the community to pursue. I was pleased to hear that the Congressional Staffs have conceptually approved the funding scheme by which the Intelligence Community Staff will supply necessary funds to the participants out of a central repository. I feel that such central control is the way to keep this effort unencumbered by agency specific requirements.

- 2. I share your concern that there are security problems that must be fully addressed. In line with our mutual concern, I believe that access to data via CIRS should not be extended down to the tactical level.
- 3. Thank you once again for arranging the briefing. I feel that such a community system is long overdue. We in DIA look forward to working with Community members on this important effort.

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